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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: SE-47. Probable Effect of Recent Developments in Eastern Germany on Soviet Policy with Respect to Germany

1. The IAC on 21 July approved subject estimate with minor modifications.

2. At paragraph 8, page 7, line 11 of the 20 July text, it was agreed that an insert should be made to add an additional example of a possible Soviet proposal which would appear plausible but would in fact be unacceptable to the Western Powers. The IAC gave the Board editorial license to make this emendation.

3. We have accordingly added the following sentence between the sentence ending with "occupation" and the one beginning with "Despite".

"The USSR might even advance proposals unsatisfactory to itself, but which it would expect the Western Powers to reject, hoping to derive propaganda advantages from the fact of Western rejection."

4. If any member of the IAC objects to the above formulation, please notify me by close of business Thursday, 23 July (Code 143, Extension 563).

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